



Press Release

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Due to persistent drought conditions and the reduced amount of rainfall over the past several months, the Town of Warrenton hereby calls upon the general population to employ prudent restraint in water usage, and to conserve water voluntarily by whatever methods available.

These voluntary measures are to preserve water resources to prevent more restrictive measures should the drought conditions continue.

Helpful water conservation tips are abundant on the Internet by simply typing the words **Water Conservation Tips** on your search engine. For additional facts on water usage and water conservation, please see the Town of Warrenton's web site at www.warrentonva.gov under the headings, SERVICES, PUBLIC UTILITIES then WATER CONSERVATION TIPS.

Water conservation pamphlets can also be picked up at the front counters at Town Hall, 18 Court Street and the Town Shop at 360 Falmouth Street.

This notice is in compliance with Section 17-146 of the Code of the Town of Warrenton and will be in effect until further notice.

Water Conservation Tips

1. Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants. Chunks of bark, peat moss or gravel slows down evaporation. **Saves 750 to 1,500 gallons** a month.
2. If you have a pool, use a pool cover to cut down on evaporation. It will also keep your pool cleaner and reduce the need to add chemicals. **Saves 1,000 gallons** a month.
3. Water your lawn only when it needs it. Step on your grass. If it springs back, when you lift your foot, it doesn't need water. So set your sprinklers for more days in between watering. **Saves 750-1,500 gallons** per month. Better yet, especially in times of drought, water with a hose.
4. Don't run the hose while washing your car. Use a bucket of water and a quick hose rinse at the end. **This can save 150 gallons** each time. For a two-car family that's **up to 1,200 gallons** a month.
5. Install water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors if your home does not already have them. **Saves 500 to 800 gallons** per month.
6. Run only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher. **Saves 300 to 800 gallons** per month.
7. Put a plastic milk bottle filled with water in your toilet tank. Displacing water in this manner allows you to use less water with each flush. **Saves 5 to 10 gallons** a day. That's **up to 300 gallons** a month, even more for large families. Better yet, if you have an old water-guzzling five to seven gallon per flush toilet, replace it with a one and a half gallon, ultra-low flush model.
8. Shorten your showers. Take "Navy" showers. Get wet, turn off shower head, soap up and then rinse. Even a one or two minute reduction can **save up to 700 gallons** per month.
9. Don't use your toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket. **Saves 400 to 600 gallons** per month.
10. Turn off the water while brushing your teeth. **Saves three gallons** each day.
11. Turn off the water while shaving. Fill the bottom of the sink with a few inches of water to rinse your razor. **Saves three gallons** each day.
12. If you wash dishes by hand--and that's the best way--don't leave the water running for rinsing. If you have two sinks, fill one with rinse water. If you only have one sink, use a spray device or short blasts instead of letting the water run. **Saves 200 to 500 gallons** a month.
13. Keep a bottle of drinking water in the refrigerator. This beats the wasteful habit of running tap water to cool it for drinking. **Saves 200 to 300 gallons** a month.
14. Set lawn mower deck to cut grass 3 to 4 inches in height. Taller grass means less evaporation and stronger roots. **Saves 500 to 1,500 gallons** each month.
15. Tell your children not to play with the garden hose. **Saves 10 gallons** a minute.